

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

617 Locust Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Dorchester

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

—YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—MUSEUM

—COMMERCIAL

—PARK

—EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—ENTERTAINMENT

—RELIGIOUS

—GOVERNMENT

—SCIENTIFIC

—INDUSTRIAL

—TRANSPORTATION

—MILITARY

—OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

George Omro Willey

Telephone #: 228-2661

STREET & NUMBER

617 Locust Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21613

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dorchester County Courthouse

Liber #: 139

Folio #: 548

STREET & NUMBER

206 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland 21613

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This two and one half story brick house is basically a rectangular block with a hip roof that rises to a flat peak with a ballustrade around it. The house is symmetrical, with a chimney on each side. On the front, and also on the east and west sides, is a hip roofed dormer with a Palladian window. The front facade is four bays long and is spanned by a one story porch supported by Doric columns with a ballustrade between. The porch and front door are the only features of the front facade which are not symmetrical. The porch extends slightly beyond the east facade. In front of the door, which is located on the east end of the front, is a gabled pediment, projecting in front of the porch, and supported by additional Doric columns. The door is enclosed by a small storm porch in front. On the rear of the house is a two story porch. The house is basically in good condition, but the woodwork is in need of paint.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is an attractive house, probably built in the early 20th century by J. Benjamin Brown. It is surrounded by several large homes of the same era. It is similar in basic design to 607-609 Locust Street, 613 Locust Street, 700 Locust Street and 316 Mill Street. All are basically rectangular brick houses with a hip roof, although the architectural details differ.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Catherine L. Moore

ORGANIZATION

DATE

12/15/75

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Route 3, Box 32

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Cambridge

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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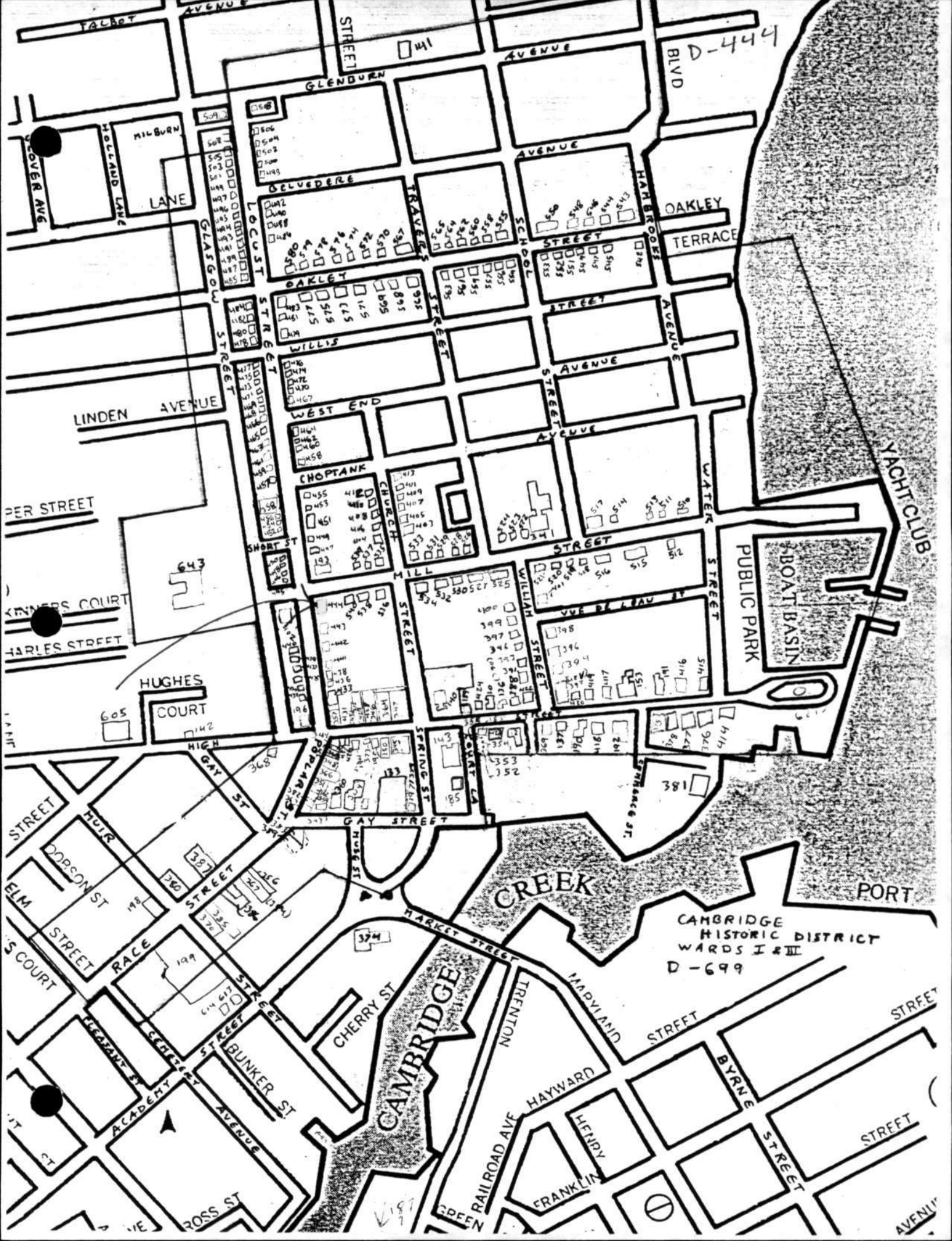
## 617 Locust Street

This house was built in 1909 by Mary and Henrietta Barton, daughters of William H. Barton, Jr. (see 615 Locust Street). The architect was probably J. Benjamin Brown, a local builder who designed many houses in Cambridge in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. The structure is similar to 607-609, 613 and 700 Locust Street and 316 Mill Street. All are basically rectangular brick houses with a hip roof, although the architectural details differ. This house is in keeping with the many other houses in the Mill-Locust Street area that date from the period 1890-1914.

## References:

Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.  
Land Records.

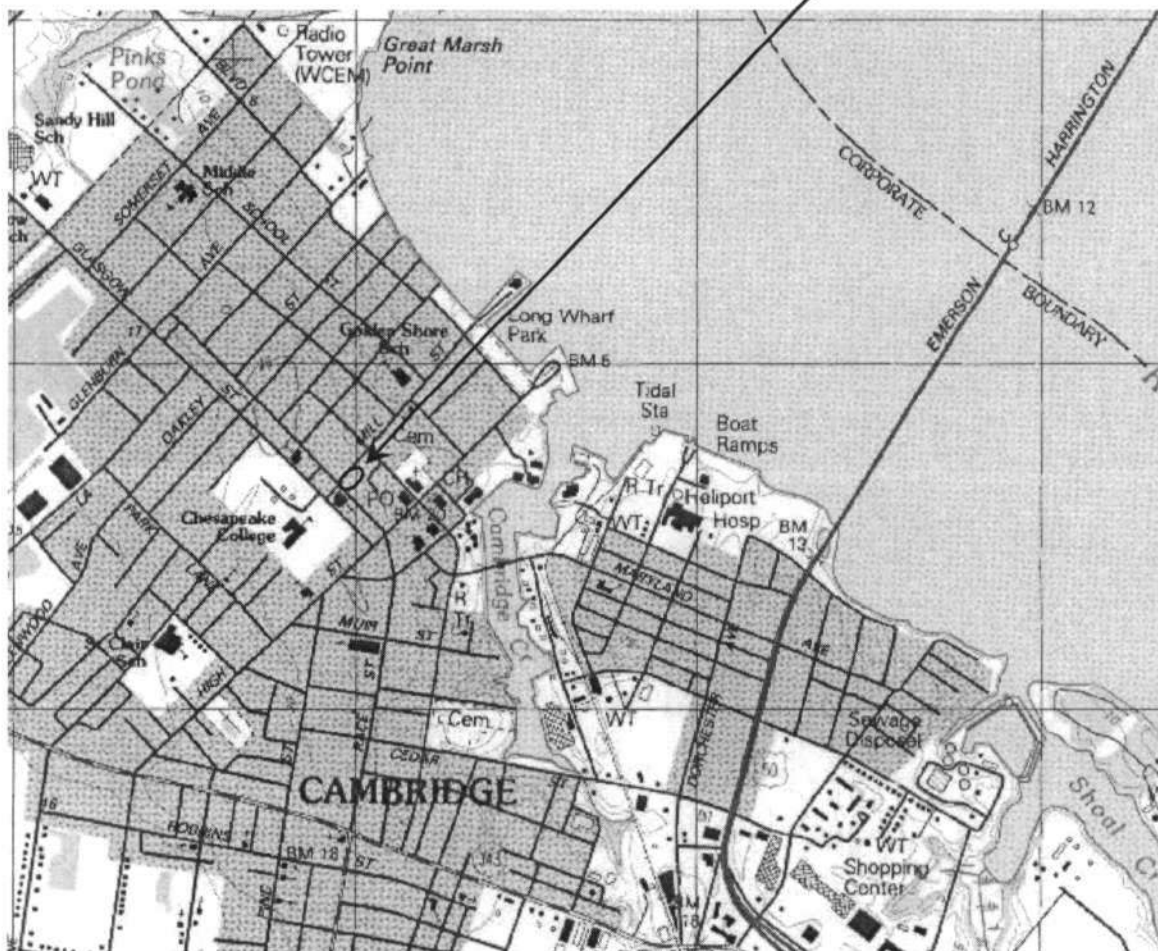
Dorchester County Office Building, Cambridge, Maryland.  
Assessment Records.





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Cambridge  
Cambridge Quad.  
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